

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A gasket unit [(1)] for a rolling bearing supported journal bearing [(2)] inside a bearing bushing [(3)], comprising a reinforced main seal [(8)] inserted into a bore of the bearing bushing [(3)] in a torque-proof manner, a front seal [(11)] axially positioned in front of the main seal [(8)], connected in a torque-proof manner to the journal [(4)], and a spring washer [(10)] arranged between the main seal [(8)] and a face [(23)] of rollers [(5)] of the bearing,

- the main seal [(8)] being pressed in a friction-locked manner via a cylindrical section [(17)] of [(the)] a reinforcement [(11)] into the bore at an interior wall of the bearing bushing [(3)] and comprising at least one sealing lip ~~(18, 19)~~, being provided on a radially inwardly facing flange [(14)] of the reinforcement [(11)], said sealing lip is supported on the journal [(4)] in a sealing manner;

- the front seal [(9)] covering an annular gap [(6)] between the bearing bushing [(3)] and the journal [(4)];

- the spring washer [(10)] being supported on an outside thereof on an area of the reinforcement [(11)] of the main seal [(8)] that is coated with a seal material [(15)], and on an inside on the face [(23)] of the rollers [(5)],

wherein in a mounted state the main seal [(8)] is positioned via an angled end section [(12)] of the reinforcement [(11)] supported on an interior wall [(7)] of the bearing bushing [(3)], and [(that)] the main seal [(8)] includes two axially spaced apart sealing lips ~~(18, 19)~~, which are sealingly supported on a section [(20)] of the journal and have a same diameter as the journal [(4)], with the first sealing lip [(19)] facing the front seal [(9)] having located on an outside thereof a tubular spring [(21)], and the front seal [(9)], connected in a form-fitting manner with the bearing bushing [(3)] in an area of a radially separated end section [(29)], forming a labyrinth seal [(3)], includes a sealing lip [(28)], which is located inside of the reinforcement [(11)]

of the main seal [(8)].

2. (Currently amended) A gasket unit according to claim 1, wherein the section [(12)] at the end of the reinforcement [(11)] engages in a form-fitting manner an annular groove [(13)] of the bearing bushing [(3)].

3. (Currently amended) A gasket unit according to claim 1, wherein a roller side of the radially inwardly facing flange [(14)] of the reinforcement (11), is coated with an elastic seal material [(15)] on a side facing the spring washer.

4. (Currently amended) A gasket unit according to claim 3, wherein the seal material [(15)] covering the face of the flange [(14)] radially extends over an exterior contour of a cylindrical section [(17)] of the reinforcement [(11)], and thus seals a sealing gap [(16)] in a mounted position of the main seal [(8)], located between the interior wall [(9)] of the bearing bushing [(3)] and the cylindrical section [(17)] of the reinforcement [(11)].

5. (Currently amended) A gasket unit according to claim 1, wherein the first sealing lip [(19)] of the main seal [(8)] enclosed by the tubular spring [(21)] is provided with a triangular cross-sectional profile and the corresponding second sealing lip [(18)] has a rectangular profile.

6. (Currently amended) A gasket unit according to claim 5, wherein the sealing lips ~~(18, 19)~~ are separated by a diagonally extending groove [(24)] having a rounded end.

7. (Currently amended) A gasket unit according to claim 6, wherein the groove ~~[[24]]~~ is provided as a reservoir of lubricants for the journal bearing ~~[[2]]~~.
8. (Currently amended) A gasket unit according to claim 1, wherein the front seal ~~[[9]]~~ is made exclusively from a seal material ~~[[15]]~~ and/or from an elastic material, and is positioned at a section ~~[[25]]~~ of the journal ~~[[4]]~~ having a greater diameter than the section ~~[[20]]~~ of the journal ~~[[4]]~~ on which the sealing lips ~~(18, 19)~~ is are supported.
9. (Currently amended) A gasket unit according to claim 1, wherein in a mounted position, a radially separated end section ~~[[29]]~~ of the bearing bushing ~~[[3]]~~ engages an axially oriented, U-shaped recess ~~[[26]]~~ of the front seal ~~[[9]]~~, which includes an outside rim ~~[[27]]~~ and an inside sealing lip ~~[[28]]~~.
10. (Currently amended) A gasket unit according to claim 9, wherein the front seal ~~[[9]]~~ is provided at an end of the rim ~~[[27]]~~ with a radially inwardly facing projection ~~[[31]]~~ that engages a circumferential groove ~~[[32]]~~ of the end section ~~[[29]]~~ of the bearing bushing ~~[[3]]~~.
11. (Currently amended) A gasket unit according to claim 8, wherein the sealing lip ~~[[28]]~~ of the front seal ~~[[9]]~~ is supported in a non-positive manner at an inside of the reinforcement ~~[[11]]~~ of the main seal ~~[[8]]~~.
12. (Currently amended) A gasket unit according to claim 11, wherein the sealing lip ~~[[28]]~~ of the front seal ~~[[9]]~~ is provided with at least one axially extending groove ~~[[37]]~~ in an area of a contact zone ~~[[36]]~~.

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13. (Currently amended) A gasket unit according to claim 8, wherein the front seal [(9)] includes an axial rim [(33)] on a side opposite the main seal [(8)], said rim is supported in a mounted state on a shoulder [(34)] of the journal [(4)].

14. (Currently amended) A gasket unit according to claim 8, wherein an outside diameter of the bearing bushing [(3)] is identical or larger than an outside diameter of the front seal [(9)].